GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – RWS&S Department –Allegation of irregularities in execution of the work "Augmentation of PWS Schemes in Ungutur Mandal of West Godavari District against Sri A.G.Rama Rao, DEE, V&QC Sub-Division, Eluru - Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Charges framed – Enquiry conducted - Enquiry report along with the disagreement factors communicated – Explanation submitted - Not convincing – Imposition of penalty of Stoppage of One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

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the Chief Engineer, V&QC, RWS&S, as Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against Charged Officer Sri A.G.Rama Rao, DEE, V&QC Sub-Division, Eluru and another co charged officer Sri N.Rama Rao, the then DEE, V&QC SD, Eluru.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:14.05.2018, wherein the Inquiry Officer has mentioned that the defence statement of the charged officer that "the charged officer has not attended the Q.C due to heavy work load" be considered.

5. After examination of the enquiry report, Govt have observed that the Inquiry Officer has not specifically stated whether the charge against CO is held proved or not. Govt have further observed that the estimated cost of the work is about Rs.2000.00 lakhs which means that it is a major and an important work. But, the work was not inspected by the QC Wing officer even though 80% of the work was completed by the time of V&E inspection. The Charged officer should have inspected the work and conducted the required quality control tests before making payments by the Executive Engineer. The CO himself has admitted in his defence that he has not inspected the above work and as per the above observations that the charge against the CO is proved.

6. In the reference 6th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report along with the above disagreement factors stated at para 5 above, to the charged officer Sri A.G.Rama Rao, DEE, V&QC Sub-Division, Eluru, for his representation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and above disagreement factors.

7. In the reference 7th read above, the ENC, RWS&S has forwarded the representation of C.O. Sri A.G.Rama Rao, DEE, V&QC Sub- Division, Eluru. In his representation, the CO has submitted that due to lack of supporting staff and huge work load to be attended as PA to SE, he couldn't attend inspection of the said work but not with any intension of escaping from legitimate duties.

8. Government have examined the matter and observed that the charged officer has not submitted any valid explanation with reference to the disagreement factors communicated under para 5 above. His contention that due to heavy work he could not attend / inspect the work is not tenable, since the work in question was under execution with an estimated cost of Rs.2000.00 lakhs ie., huge cost. But the charged officer neglected and failed to discharge his legitimate duties. Hence, he is responsible in the case. Hence, his contention to exonerate him from the charge is devoid of merits.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of (1) One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri A.G.Rama Rao, DEE, V&QC Sub-Division, Eluru, under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in the matter.

10. The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer in Chief, RWS&S, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri A.G.Rama Rao, DEE, V&QC Sub-Division, Eluru (with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish the served copy to Govt., for record).

Copy to:
The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
SF/SC.

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